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## GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

Saying “homeownership strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, and fosters economic prosperity for families and communities,”

Governor Mark Warner has proclaimed June as Homeownership Month, commending “numerous public and private housing partners including real estate professionals, homebuilders, mortgage lenders and brokers, local governments, redevelopment and housing authorities, housing developers and community and faith-based organizations” that “are vital to fostering homeownership in the Commonwealth.”

## SuperNOFA GRACE PERIOD

Following a “denial of service” attack on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) - the Federal grants submission portal – May 25<sup>th</sup> *Federal Register* posted HUD decision to allow “grace period” for applications for certain SuperNOFA programs. June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the new submission deadline for Housing for People Who Are Homeless and Addicted to Alcohol program June 3<sup>rd</sup> for Housing Choice Voucher/Family Self Sufficiency; June 6<sup>th</sup> or the Fair Housing Initiatives program; June 7<sup>th</sup> for Historically-Black Colleges & Universities; June 8<sup>th</sup> for Homeownership Supportive Services; June 9<sup>th</sup> for Housing for Persons with AIDS; June 13<sup>th</sup> for Healthy Homes Technical Studies and Lead Technical Studies and June 1<sup>st</sup> for Lead Elimination Action. In other *Federal Register* notices, the deadline for Section 811, Housing for Persons with Disabilities was extended to June 10<sup>th</sup>; for Housing Counseling to June 27<sup>th</sup>; for Public Housing Self-Sufficiency to June 28<sup>th</sup>; for Section 202, Elderly Housing to July 1<sup>st</sup>; and for Public Housing Neighborhood Networks and Rural Housing & Economic Development to July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## THATS NOT ALL FOLKS

As originally announced in *The Federal Register*, submissions under the Continuum of Care program are due June 10<sup>th</sup>; for Brownfields Economic Development Initiative on June 17<sup>th</sup>; for Youthbuild on June 21<sup>st</sup>; for Assisted Living Conversion program on June 22<sup>nd</sup>; and for Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## WHAT THE HECM?

Interested in HUD reverse mortgages? Attend a free “What the Heck is HECM?” workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 15th at HUD Richmond. Continuing education credit is available for Virginia Association of Housing Counselors members. For more, contact [Virginia\\_f.Holman@hud.gov](mailto:Virginia_f.Holman@hud.gov) or call 800/842-2610, extension 3729.

## WORTH READING

HUD has issued two Mortgagee Letters of great interest to lenders, brokers, real estate agents and homebuyers. The first – Mortgagee Letter 2005-19 – establishes a “streamline” Section 203k acquisition and rehabilitation mortgage that permits the borrower to include up to \$15,000 in eligible repairs without hiring a consultant or completing a detailed work-up. The second – Mortgagee Letter 2005-21 – contains significant revisions to HUD’s Energy Efficient Mortgage that allows for 100 percent financing of the costs of making a home energy efficient. Read both at [http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/talk/addr\\_phi.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/talk/addr_phi.cfm)

## BRIEF BRIEFS

Register for free “Grantwriting & More” workshop hosted by Congresswoman Davis and HUD Richmond on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Warsaw by contacting [anne\\_davis@hud.gov](mailto:anne_davis@hud.gov). . U.S. Senator Allen announces award of \$35 million in New Market Tax Credits to Hampton Roads Ventures – subsidiary of Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing – to spark private investment in “areas of Virginia that need it most” . . HUD revises Handbook 4165.1, Endorsement for Insurance for Home Mortgage Programs . . Fairfax County Housing & Community Development dedicates new Section 202 complex for elderly in McLean. . Wachovia Securities *canalWALK* steps off June 4<sup>th</sup> in Richmond . . DHCD sets June 15<sup>th</sup> as due date for applications to run HOMEownership Down Payment Assistance program . . . Newport News Redevelopment & Housing helps 102 filers collect more than \$114,000 under Earned Income Tax Credit. . Governor Warner selects DHCD’s Michele Jones as one of 10 2005 “Excellence in State Workforce” awardees . . Thomas Jefferson PDC posts *Green Building Sourcebook* at [www.tjpd.org/tousing/Green\\_building\\_sourcebook/](http://www.tjpd.org/tousing/Green_building_sourcebook/) . . Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing’s John Baker sets retirement for May 2006 . . LynCAG celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary . . Greenville County and City of Emporia host first-ever homeownership fair. . Kim Byrd of Waynesboro Redevelopment & Housing, Warren Wooten of Central Virginia Housing Coalition, Dorothy Buchanan of Newport News Office of Human Affairs and Aldith Ellis of Blue Ridge Housing named “Counselors of Year” by Virginia Association of Housing Counselors. . Appomattox Habitat for Humanity to “blitz build” new home in just one week. . Greater Piedmont REALTORS names Ida Light as Broker of Year and Terry Cheatle as REALTOR of Year. . Five students graduate from Peninsula Community Development’s construction trades program. . Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise launches on-line certification system at [www.dmbv.virginia.gov](http://www.dmbv.virginia.gov). . Congressman Boucher announces USDA/Rural Development grants to Scott County for revolving loan fund and to Crossroads Institute business incubator serving southwest Virginia. . Health & Human Services sets June 20<sup>th</sup> as deadline for \$36.8 million in Community-Based Abstinence Education grants. . *Roanoke Times* reports City and Redevelopment & Housing to buy 17 properties from Christian Housing Fellowship to revitalize southwest neighborhood with new homeownership and rental housing.

## HOME WORK

Learn more about the income eligibility requirements of the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the role of Community Housing Development Organization at free, two-day workshops June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Richmond Marriott or June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Ramada Inn in Wytheville hosted by HUD Richmond and the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprise. For reservations, contact [mary@fahe.org](mailto:mary@fahe.org)

## HOMELESS PLAN IN NORFOLK

Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim has unveiled a 19-point plan to end homelessness in the next ten years. Homelessness, he explained, “is not a problem that will solve itself.” The plan calls for better case management, an intake center and day shelter, a low income housing trust fund to increase the supply of affordable housing and working with other Hampton Roads cities to develop regional solutions.

## DON'T FORGET

Learn more about USDA Rural Development in Virginia’s “fast-tracking” of Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program at free, June 14<sup>th</sup>, workshop at Rappahannock Community College in New Kent. Contact [Michelle.corridon@va.usda.gov](mailto:Michelle.corridon@va.usda.gov) or call her at 804/287-1595.